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Public Service Commission of South Carolina
101 Executive Center Drive, Suite 100
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RE: Application of Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC to Establish a Distributed Energy Resource Program
Docket No. 2015-55-E

Application of Duke Energy Progress, Incorporated to Establish a Distributed Energy Resource Program
Docket No. 2015-53-E

Dear Ms. Boyd:

By this letter the South Carolina Office of Regulatory Staff (“ORS”) hereby notifies the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (“Commission”) that ORS has reviewed the March 3, 2020, filing submitted by Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC and Duke Energy Progress, LLC (“Companies”) for approval of amendments and modifications to their Shared Solar Riders (“Riders”) with an effective date of December 1, 2019.

According to the request, the Companies are seeking approval from the Commission to amend the Riders so they more closely align with the intent of the Shared Solar Program (“Program”) and further encourage low-income customer participation. In part, the request stated that the amendments would expand on the protection the Commission approved in Order No. 2019-43 for low-income participants by ensuring that in any given month low-income participants will not owe any additional payment to the Companies as a result of their participation in the Program. According to the Companies, an effective date of December 1, 2019, would ensure that low-income participants receive this protection to include this season’s winter months of December 2019 through March 2020.

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ORS does not object to the Companies' March 3, 2020, filing that requested to amend and modify the Shared Solar Riders with an effective date of December 1, 2019.

Sincerely,



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cc: All Parties of Record (via e-mail)
David Butler, Esquire (via e-mail)